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Draft - 2024 Growth Management Act (GMA) Support Work Program and Budget

Adopted xxxxx, xx, 2023, by the Growth Management Act Steering Committee

As per the GMA support agreement, Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) will continue to provide administrative support and coordinate Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) activities and work program. Staff have estimated the work to include administrative and technical support. Annually the GMASC will establish a work program and budget. The total proposed 2024 work program is \$116,000.

GMA Task 1 - Administrative Support:

Provide administrative support and coordinate efforts of the Growth Management Act Steering Committee and the Growth Management Act Technical Advisory Committee (GMATAC). Anticipated activities include preparing agendas, minutes of the GMASC, resolutions and maintaining related supporting materials.

Estimated cost \$12,000

GMA Task 2 - Technical Support:

Task 2.1 - Growth Monitoring

Prepare the annual Growth Monitoring Report based on the methodology agreed to in 2018 as described in Countywide Planning Policies. Coordinate with jurisdictions on collection and reporting of data. Focus for 2024 will be on updating the baseline report, no new information is anticipated.

Estimated cost \$18,000

Task 2.2 – Growth Allocations – Reconciliation Process

Support the growth allocation reconciliation process, if needed. Appendix B of the CPP describes the growth allocation procedures, which includes reconciliation of the growth allocations to the jurisdictions comprehensive plan's ability to accommodate those allocations. Jurisdictions can request adjusting their growth allocations. Given the uncertainty of the housing allocations it is likely that one or more jurisdictions would be requesting an adjusted growth allocation.

Estimated cost \$8,000

Task 2.3 – Housing Land Capacity Support

Support the development and coordination of housing land capacity methodologies for addressing the required housing allocation categories in HB 1220. Review commerce guidance, data sources, and propose methodologies to be used in jurisdictions land capacity analysis. SCOG staff would perform the above work, while the GMATAC and their staff/consultants would collaborate and test/vet the methodologies. This task does not include evaluation of strategies, plan options, or implementation actions to accommodate the required housing allocations. That work would be completed as part of the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan process.

Estimated cost \$30,000

Task 2.4 – Multimodal Level of Service Coordination

Recent changes in Washington state law (HB1181) requires jurisdictions to establish multimodal level of service requirements for all locally owned arterials, locally and regionally operated transit routes that serve urban areas and active transportation facilities. WSDOT is responsible for setting level of service standards (LOS) for highways of statewide significance in coordination with RTPOs. SCOG is responsible for other state highways and coordinate LOS standards on regionally significant facilities owned by local jurisdictions. SCOG will assist in coordinating the new multimodal LOS standards among the local jurisdictions for the upcoming 2025 GMA comprehensive plan requirements with WSDOT and Skagit Transit. SCOG will conduct limited research on possible LOS from other GMA jurisdictions, stay abreast of guidance from Department of Commerce and facilitate coordination among agencies in Skagit County. This work will not include technical analysis such as possible LOS options or travel demand modeling analysis.

Estimated cost \$8,000

Task 3 Policy Support:

Task 3.1 – Countywide Planning Policy update

A. Housing – Continued from 2023

Review and update the CPPs to address recent legislative changes, such as HB 1220. In addition, consider amending CPPs to address the following housing topics:

- Add policy language aimed at significantly increasing housing production within existing UGAs in areas with good access to transit, jobs, and services.
- Add policy language addressing the siting of publicly funded or subsidized housing, including permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, shelters, and housing for populations with special needs.
- Add policy language addressing coordination with publicly funded housing authorities.

Coordinate the CPP update with other efforts, especially the North Star project. Community engagement and comments would be received through the review and recommendation process at the GMASC meetings and would follow the 2002 Framework agreement procedures for changes to CPPs. No SCOG staff time or resources are included for outreach or community engagement in this task beyond the GMASC/GMATAC meeting process. This work would be

led by SCOG staff with support from GMATAC, member staff, and possibly North Star consultant team members.

Note this work will begin in 2023. The focus in 2024 is expected to finish up the draft CPP amendments, follow the process in the 2002 Framework Agreement, and develop final CPP recommendations for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

B. Climate and Resiliency

Update the CPPs to address HB 1181 which added a new goal to GMA relating to climate and resiliency. Review Commerce Department guidance, current CPP language and recommend new CPP addressing required climate element of comprehensive plans. Coordinate policy review and gap analysis with local comprehensive plan development, especially Skagit County. Community engagement and comments would be received through the review and recommendation process at the GMASC meetings and would follow the 2002 Framework agreement procedures for changes to CPPs. No SCOG staff time or resources are included for outreach or community engagement in this task beyond the GMASC/GMATAC meeting process.

Estimated cost \$40,000

Cost Allocation: As per the interlocal agreement regarding staffing service for GMA support, costs are to be shared among the 2002 Framework Agreement participants based on their respective share of population annual reported by the Office of Financial Management (OFM), see table.

Allocation based on April 2023 population estimates from OFM.

Total Budget	\$116,000				
	OFM Population		2024	2023	Change from
	2023	%	Cost Allocation	Cost Allocation	2023 to 2024
Skagit County	53,065	40.20%	\$46,636.41	\$20,179.05	\$26,457.36
Anacortes	18,020	13.65%	\$15,836.96	\$6,811.43	\$9,025.53
Burlington	9,905	7.50%	\$8,705.05	\$3,733.33	\$4,971.72
Concrete	810	0.61%	\$711.87	\$308.57	\$403.30
Hamilton	295	0.22%	\$259.26	\$112.38	\$146.88
La Conner	980	0.74%	\$861.28	\$373.33	\$487.95
Lyman	425	0.32%	\$373.51	\$161.91	\$211.60
Mount Vernor	35,590	26.96%	\$31,278.43	\$13,523.81	\$17,754.62
Sedro-Woolle	12,900	9.77%	\$11,337.22	\$4,796.19	\$6,541.03
Total	131,990	100%	\$116,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$66,000.00